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Jack T. Stapleton, et al.****Serial No.: 10/693,258****Filed: October 24, 2003****For: GB VIRUS C AND METHODS OF  
TREATING VIRAL INFECTIONS****Group Art Unit: 1653****Examiner: Unknown****Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:059US****ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
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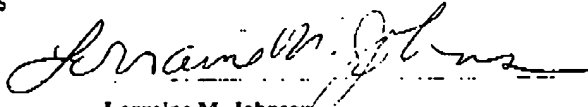
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